

As we get rid of SAT scores, it opens things more to subjective determinations, and the liberals who run our universities are going to use those subjective determinations to keep our conservatives out of the important universities in this country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EVA ALVAREZ

(Ms. SCHOLTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a west Michigan leader, advocate, former colleague, and friend. Taken from us too soon, she will go down in history as a trail-blazing young woman.

Eva Alvarez was the daughter of migrant farmworkers, one of seven children who worked her way through college and her master's degree. She was the Public Policy Coordinator for the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

I had the joy of working with Eva to help support hardworking migrant farmworkers throughout Michigan, and together we partnered to shine a light on injustice, uplift those often pushed aside in society, and make our community a little more just, fair, and humane.

In addition to her work on policy, she co-founded Empowering Latina Leaders and Advocates for Success, ELLAS, the first professional network in Southwest Michigan for Latina women. In all she did, Eva was bringing others up around her. She often reminded us "we did not get here alone, help pave the way for others."

With a smile that could light up a room, an infectious laugh, and a quick-witted sense of humor, Eva pressed on through difficult work. She carried a vision of communities and systems that treat every individual with dignity and respect, regardless of who they were, where they came from, their skin color, or the language that they spoke.

Every day, she worked to bring Michigan a little bit closer to that vision, practicing welcome everywhere she went. Her work will leave a legacy of justice and compassion; her friendship memories of joy and light. I continue my work to make west Michigan a better place because of her.

RECOGNIZING MIKAELA SHIFFRIN

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as co-chair of the Bipartisan Ski and Snow Board Caucus to recognize the incredible achievements of New Hampshire's own Mikaela Shiffrin, the most-decorated skier of all time.

On March 11, 2023, during Women's History Month, Mikaela broke the record for the most World Cup alpine

wins by any skier, male or female, earning 87 championship wins and securing her place in history.

Shortly after, she won another title, breaking her own record and making history again. I love having a woman be the most decorated skier in the world.

From her earliest days, when I met her at the Dartmouth Ski Way and first watched her race with her late father, my friend, Jeff, Mikaela has taken the world by storm. Her record-breaking win and dedication to the sport will inspire women and girls across the country and around the world.

Thank you, Mikaela, for inspiring us to be nice, think first, and have fun.

RECOGNIZING THE MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. SORENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize a very special group from western Illinois, the Moline High School Boys Basketball Team.

The Maroons recently made history, bringing home the school's first-ever State Championship win.

Under Head Coach Sean Taylor, the Maroons demonstrated intense perseverance and skill, securing a 59-42 victory after an impressive 35-win season.

I know this group's hard work and determination are a source of pride for the entire Moline community and for the State of Illinois, and it is my honor to recognize them here on the floor of the House of Representatives today.

This was their first State Championship, and I have no doubt it will not be their last.

Go Maroons.

GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, the number one cause of death for children in America is gun violence. Yet, instead of making our schools safer and creating environments for children to thrive, House Republicans are focusing their attention on harmful political rhetoric.

Today's passage of H.R. 5 politicizes classrooms and facilitates the censorship of American stories, American experiences, and factual American history.

To unreasonably limit the scope of our children's knowledge and to dilute their critical thinking abilities is an immense disservice to America's children and to our country's future.

Instead of solving real problems, House Republicans are simply trying to distract the American people with divisive political stunts and empty culture wars.

I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to work with House

Democrats to pass legislation that will actually help America's children, not exploit them to further divide Americans for political gain.

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PROTECTING GI BILL BENEFITS FROM FRAUD

(Mrs. RAMIREZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to uplift our student veterans and call attention to a great need.

Many of our veterans go on to use their GI Bill benefits to go to school or to seek training. That is part of our commitment to veterans. Sadly, those GI Bill benefits can be seen as money targets by predatory institutions. If a school commits an act of fraud, there is no across-the-board mechanism in place for student veterans to restore their GI Bill benefits.

We can change that, which is exactly what my bill, H.R. 1767, the Student Veteran Benefit Restoration Act, will do.

I am honored to introduce my first piece of legislation and to do so with the support of my ranking member on the Veterans' Affairs' Economic Opportunity Subcommittee, Congressman MIKE LEVIN.

It has taken many people's dedicated advocacy over many years to get us here, and it is a critical opportunity to better deliver on our commitment to our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I welcome all of my colleagues to join me.

REPUBLICAN ASSAULT ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to attack the bill H.R. 5 because it attacks education.

Republicans call it the Parents Bill of Rights Act. In reality, it should be called the politics over parents act.

H.R. 5 would take vital resources away from local schools and educators. It would allow schools to be centers of indoctrination and not education. It would allow communities to ban books if they don't like them.

The Founding Fathers knew that public education was vital to an educated populace and proper self-government. It has helped millions of Americans rise out of poverty, and it has helped millions of Americans start businesses and pursue the American Dream. Yet, Republicans continue their assault on public education at every opportunity.

I am proud to be part of a party that supports the American Dream for all Americans and not one that wants to reject it. Thank goodness for the United States Senate.